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H. RES. 856

Expresses heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings
in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. POE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. HILL, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MICA, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SALI, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. KELLER of Florida, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. UPTON, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. PETRI, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. PITTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expresses heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families
of the shootings in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday,
December 5, 2007.

Whereas the community of Omaha, Nebraska has suffered through a tragic event at the Westroads Mall that resulted in the loss of 9 lives and the wounding of several others;

Whereas on December 5, 2007, a troubled young man entered a department store in the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska carrying a rifle;

Whereas the young man began to randomly fire his rifle at shoppers and store clerks within the Von Maur department store and other locations within Westroads Mall;

Whereas the result of this shooting spree resulted in the deaths of Gary Scharf, John McDonald, Angie Schuster, Maggie Webb, Janet Jorgensen, Diane Trent, Gary Joy, and Beverly Flynn;

Whereas Fred Wilson, Michelle Oldham, Jeff Schaffert, and Brad Stafford were wounded as a result of the shootings;

Whereas the first responders, officers of the Omaha Police Department, Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, and Omaha Fire Department, arrived at the Westroads Mall within minutes and secured all entrances and exits to the mall and discovered a number of deceased persons, including the shooter;

Whereas on December 6, 2007 Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman ordered that all United States and State flags in Nebraska be flown at half-staff through Sunday, Dec. 9; and

Whereas the grieving and celebration of the lives of those lost in this senseless tragedy will be with the greater Omaha community for months and years to come: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-
2 representatives—

3 (1) expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the vic-
4 tims and families of the shootings in Omaha, Ne-
5 braska on Wednesday, December 5, 2007; and

6 (2) conveys its gratitude to the city and county
7 officials, and all the police, fire, sheriff, and emer-
8 gency medical teams who responded swiftly to the
9 scene and secured the mall and surrounding area.

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